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SUBJ: SYRIAN LETTER TO SYG PROTESTING ALLEGED ISRAELI
CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER CIRCULATED MARCH 15 FROM
SYRIAN PERM REP KELANI TO SYG PROTESTING ALLEGED ISRAELI
NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL CEASEFIRE RESOLUTIONS
AND COMPLAINING OF PREMIER MEIR'S STATEMENTS
THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT WITHDRAW FROM GOLON.

2. QUOTE

LETTER DATED 14 MARCH 1974 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE SYRIAN REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

ON INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER TO MY EARLIER
LETTERS WHICH WERE CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENTS A/9272-S/11067, A/9301-
S/11094, A/9327-S/11119, A/9343-S/11132, A/9491-S/11219.

-, \$ A/9493-S/11220, DATED 1 NOVEMBER 1973, 9 NOVEMBER 1973,
19 NOVEMBER 1973, 26 NOVEMBER 1973, 13 FEBRUARY 1974 AND
14 FEBRUARY 1974, RESPECTIVELY, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO
INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING.

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QM DESPITE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 338 (1973),

WHICH CALLS UPON ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO CEASE ALL FIRING AND TERMINATE ALL MILITARY ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY, AND 339 (1973), WHICH CONFIRMS THE EARLIER RESOLUTION ON AN IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF ALL KINDS OF FIRING AND OF ALL MILITARY ACTION, AND URGED THAT THE

FORCES OF THE TWO SIDES BE RETURNED TO THE POSITIONS OCCUPIED AT THE MOMENT THE CEASE-FIRE BECAME EFFECTIVE, ISRAEL PERSISTS IN VIOLATING THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS.

2. IT IS CONTINUING TO OCCUPY POSITIONS ACQUIRED AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE, IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. IN ADDITION, IT IS CONSTANTLY TRYING EITHER TO IMPROVE ITS POSITIONS OR TO ACQUIRE AND OCCUPY NEW POSITIONS IN ORDER TO GAIN FURTHER ADVANTAGES USEFUL FOR ITS FRONT LINES.

3. MY GOVERNMENT HAS MADE, AND IS STILL MAKING, GREAT EFFORTS TO WARN THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES, THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUCE SUPERVISION ORGANIZATION IN PALESTINE (UNTSO), THAT THESE ISRAELI VIOLATIONS MUST CEASE AND NOT LEAD TO A RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES, WHICH IN ANY CASE WERE PROVOKED AND INITIATED BY ISRAEL ON THE OCCASION OF THE MILITARY INCIDENTS WHICH COMMENCED AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE AND WHICH ARE CONTINUING TO THIS DAY. ISRAEL'S AIM IS QUITE CLEAR: IT INTENDS TO IMPOSE A FAIT ACCOMPLI, IN ORDER TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF ITS PERSISTENT VIOLATIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.

4. THESE ACTS COMMITTED BY ISRAEL ARE THE ABSOLUTE PROOF OF ITS EXPANSIONIST DESIRE AND WISH TO ANNEX THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, WHICH IS OCCUPIED SYRIAN TERRITORY.

INDEED, THIS DESIRE AND THIS WISH ARE CORROBORATED BY MANY STATEMENTS MADE BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. AMONG THESE VERY NUMEROUS STATEMENTS, MENTION MAY BE MADE OF THE ONE REFLECTED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES OF 10 DECEMBER 1973:

"ISRAEL SAID TO HAVE CHOSEN SITE FOR GOLAN HEIGHTS CITY". ONE MAY ALSO RECALL THE WORDS OF MRS. GOLDA MEIR, QUOTED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES OF 9 FEBRUARY 1974, WHO SAID THAT SHE CONSIDERED SYRIAN TERRITORY OCCUPIED BEFORE THE OCTOBER WAR AN "INSEPARABLE PART OF ISRAEL". SHE ADDED "EVERY SETTLEMENT ON THE HEIGHTS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ISRAEL. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL WILL GO BACK TO THE CEASE-FIRE LINES OF JUNE 1967..."

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IN ADDITION, THE DAILY NEW BULLETIN OF 13 FEBRUARY 1974, PUBLISHED BY THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, ANNOUNCED THAT GROUNDBREAKING FOR A NEW TOWNSHIP ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS WOULD BEGIN VERY SHORTLY. THE IDEAS REFLECTED IN THOSE WORDS ARE CONFIRMED BY THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE FROM THE DAILY NEW BULLETIN: "PREMIER GOLDA MEIR, ADDRESSING A SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MARKING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE FOR THE SECURITY PROVIDED BY ISRAEL'S

PRESENCE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS... MRS. MEIR SAID THAT
ISRAEL WAS PREPARED TO RETURN THE SYRIAN TERRITORY IT
CAPTURED IN THE YOM KIPPUR WAR IN A DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD
WITH SYRIA, BUT WOULD NEVER RETURN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, CAPTURED
IN THE SIX-DAY-WAR."

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR THE TEXT OF THIS
LETTER TO BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL

(SIGNED) HAISSAM KELANI
AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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